CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1   1.   A method for creating an information summary, comprising the steps of:

2   (a)   retrieving a plurality of terms descriptive of an upcoming event;

3   (b)   creating a query based on the terms;

4   (c)   querying a network of information utilizing the query; and

5   (d)   updating the information associated with the upcoming event with information from the

6   query.

1   2.   A method for creating an information summary as recited in claim 1, including the step of

2   parsing the terms based on predefined criteria to create the query.

1   3.   A method for creating an information summary as recited in claim 1, including the step of

2   providing constants that are utilized by the system for dynamically configuring the

3   system based on current user inputs.

1   4.   A method for creating an information summary as recited in claim 1, including the step of

2   ranking the results based on relevance to meeting criteria.

1   5.   A method for creating an information summary as recited in claim 1, including the step of

2   utilizing proximity to a meeting date as a filtering device for the information summary.

1   6.   A method for creating an information summary as recited in claim 1, including the step of

2   pattern recognition to enhance the location of pertinent information.

1   7.   A method for creating an information summary as recited in claim 1, including support

2   for querying the Internet to obtain pertinent information.

1   8.   A method for creating an information summary as recited in claim 1, including

2   optimizing the query for a particular search engine.

1   9.   A method for creating an information summary as recited in claim 1, including the step of

2   responding to updates of the meeting information to obtain additional summary

3   information pertinent to the updates.

1   10.   An apparatus that creates an information summary, comprising;

2   (a)   a processor;

3   (b)   a memory that stores information under the control of the processor;

4   (c)   logic that retrieves a plurality of terms descriptive of an upcoming event;

5   (d)   logic that creates a query based on the terms;

6   (e)   logic that queries a network of information utilizing the query; and

7   (f)   logic that updates the information associated with the upcoming event with information

8   from the query.

1   11.   A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium that creates an

2   information summary, comprising:

3   (a)   a code segment that retrieves a plurality of terms descriptive of an upcoming event;

4   (b)   a code segment that creates a query based on the terms;

5   (c)   a code segment that queries a network of information utilizing the query; and

6   (d)   a code segment that updates the information associated with the upcoming event with

7   information from the query.

1 12. A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium that creates an
2   information summary as recited in claim 11, including logic that parses the terms based
3   on predefined criteria to create the query.

1 13. A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium that creates an
2   information summary as recited in claim 11, including logic that modifies constants that
3   are utilized by the system for dynamically configuring the system based on current user
4   inputs.

1 14. A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium that creates an
2   information summary as recited in claim 11, including logic that ranks the results based
3   on relevance to meeting criteria.

1 15. A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium that creates an
2   information summary as recited in claim 11, including logic that utilizes proximity to a
3   meeting date as a filtering device for the information summary.

1 16. A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium that creates an
2   information summary as recited in claim 11, including logic that recognizes patterns to
3   enhance the location of pertinent information.

1 17. A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium that creates an
2   information summary as recited in claim 11, including logic that queries the Internet to
3   obtain pertinent information.

1   18.   A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium that creates an

2   information summary as recited in claim 11, including logic that optimizes the query for a

3   particular search engine.

1   19.   A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium that creates an

2   information summary as recited in claim 11, including logic that responds to updates of

3   the meeting information to obtain additional summary information pertinent to the

4   updates.